

are considered excellent fertilizers. He sends also wild indigo, a legume used only as a soil fertilizer.

Russia, Riga. Volmer & Co., May 5. They say that they have a plant, *Phacelia lanacetifolia*, which is much better for bees than red clover. They send a sample of the seed.

SPAIN, Madrid. Madden Summers, April 20. Will send seeds of the best variety of Spanish muskmelon with instructions as to planting, picking, etc. He thinks this melon will become a very valuable crop in the United States.

SUDAN, Khartoum. R. Hewison, April 14. Says that some of the Sudan wheats, native and introduced, have been quite favorably reported upon as the result of milling and baking tests carried out in England, and asks if they would be of use to us.

TRANSVAAL, Pretoria. F. T. Nicholson, April 10. Will soon send fifty gladiolus bulbs. Will try to get more another season, together with other interesting plants from different places.

TRIPOLI, Wm. Coffin, April 25. Mentions having sent a report on Dry land farming to the State Department in March. Will collect grape cuttings and chick peas. Will send photographs of date plantations.

TURKEY, Bagdad. A.E.C. Bird, April 14. Is sending a bag of a cereal grown there called Hoortman, which is a variety of oats.

RECENT VISITORS.

GREECE, Dr. Arthur Donaldson Smith, Consul at Patras, Greece. He wants to try all sorts of Plant Introduction experiments in Patras, especially one with sweet potatoes. Dr. Smith has carried on extensive explorations in Africa and has written a book on Unknown African Countries.